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POST AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES TO PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Gram Panchayats in West Bengal where post and telegraph facilities are not available, district- wise;

(b) the number of panchayats in which communication services and telegraph offices opened by the Government during the last two years in West Bengal, district-wise; and

(c) the details of time-bound programme prepared by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. S PASWAN)

(a) The postal facility of daily delivery and collection of mail and sale of postal stamps and stationery is available in all the Gram Panchayats in West Bengal.

(b) During 2000-2001, no post office was opened in any Panchayat in West Bengal. During 2001-2002, post offices were opened in 49 Panchayats. The details are given in Annexure.

(c) The target of opening 39 Branch Post Offices hasbeen fixed for West Bengal for the current financial year. However, opening of Branch Post Offices is subject to the fulfillment of prescribed norms and availability of requisite resources.

The information relating to Telegraph Offices is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ANNEXURE

DISTRICT-WISE NUMBER OF PANCHAYATS WHERE NEW POST OFFICES OPENED DURING THE YEAR 2001-02.

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Number of Post Offices opened
1.	Murshidabad	8
2.	24 Parganas (North)	2
3.	24 Parganas (South)	1
4.	Nadia	2
5.	Birbhum	2

6.	Bankura	5
7	Purulia	5
8.	Midnapore (East)	2
9.	Midnapore (West)	3
10.	Burdwan	2
11.	Hooghly	1
12.	Howrah	1
13.	Malda	6
14.	Dakshin Dinajpur	3
15.	Coochbehar	2
16.	Jalpaiguri	3
17.	Darjeeling	1
Total		49